



Copyright Office Modernization

Quick Facts

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Development of the ECS (Enterprise Copyright System)

Recordation

- More functionality continues to be added to the new electronic recordation system, which currently focuses on the recordation of transfers under section 205 of the Copyright Act. The Office met its internal goal to process 20 percent of all section 205 recordations using the new electronic system in 2021 and will increase that goal in 2022.
- User feedback continues to be very important, and the number of pilot users continues to grow; the pilot is in its tenth wave of users. Internal work is underway on notices of termination.
- The Office is preparing to expand the pilot for section 205 recordations to the general public in spring 2022.

Registration

- IT development on both the external (public) and internal (staff-facing) components of the registration application, which began in June 2021, continues.
- Registration continues to build out functionality supporting the submission of a reimagined Standard Application form, which is used by most claimants.
- New work is underway to design and test at least one of the program's group registration applications.

Copyright Public Records System

- Strong progress is being made on the Copyright Public Records System, which provides an improved interface for our post-1978 registration and recordation public records. Work continues on advanced search functionality and adding more user-focused features.

- The Office is working toward making the CPRS our main public portal sometime in spring 2022.

Licensing

- The Licensing team has completed the first phase of Statement of Account ingestion and is working to build out further functionality, including internal correspondence and the ability to add notes to a Statement of Account record.

Historical Public Records

- Through February 2022, the Historical Public Records team has digitized 2,754 of the over 26,000 copyright record books, for a total of 2,766,942 pages. These record books contain over 26 million pages of records from 1870 through 1977.
- After reviewing the quality of the scans, the Office published the first 500 scanned books in February 2022. This launched the [Copyright Historical Record Books Collection \(Preview\)](#), which is available online. Another 417 books have been posted, and the Office will continue to post digitized copies of these books, in reverse chronological order, as they become available.

More Events and Activities

- The second public meeting of the Copyright Public Modernization Committee was held online on February 23, 2022. That meeting was [recorded](#).
- In December 2021, the Office [recorded](#) a retrospective of the Office's modernization work over the past year.

Please contact us at modernization@copyright.gov to ask questions, share insights, and to learn about opportunities. To participate in the recordation pilot, please contact recordation-pilot@copyright.gov.

